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The Honorable David E. Price, Chair Subcommittee on Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies House Committee on Appropriations H-307 The Capitol Washington, D.C. 20515 The Honorable Mario Diaz-Balart, Ranking Member Subcommittee on Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies House Committee on Appropriations 1036 Longworth House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chair Price and Ranking Member Diaz-Balart,

As you begin your critical work on the Fiscal Year 2022 Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations bill, I urge you to include \$1,375,600 for the City of Scotts Valley, in partnership with the Scotts Valley Unified School District and the Scotts Valley Educational Foundation, to replace a dilapidated model building on the campus of Vine Hill Elementary School. This request is a Community Project Funding request associated with the Department of Housing and Urban Development account for Economic Development Initiatives.

In addition to serving as an important learning center, Vine Hill Elementary School serves a major role in the community by hosting arts programs, catering to the youth leagues, and acting as a childcare facility. Currently a decades-old building on the School's campus is dilapidated beyond usability and is in hazardous condition, which is degrading the educational capacity of the school and negatively impacting hundreds of families in the community that depend on it for other programs.

With this requested funding, the City of Scotts Valley can replace the building with a new, safe, and purpose-built facility. As an indication of local support for this project, I've enclosed seven letters of support from the following:

- The Honorable John Laird, Senator, California State Senate
- The Honorable Mark Stone, Assemblymember, California State Assembly
- The Honorable Bruce McPherson, Supervisor, County of Santa Cruz
- The Honorable Derek Timm, Mayor, City of Scotts Valley
- Ms. Tanya Krause, Superintendent, Scotts Valley Unified School District

- Mr. David Sanguinetti, Chair, Scotts Valley Parks and Recreation Commissions
- Mr. Danny Reber, Executive Director, Scotts Valley Chamber of Commerce

I wholeheartedly support this Community Project Funding request and ask that you do so as well.

Most gratefully,

Anna G. Eshoo

Enclosures